



# Admissions 2026 | 2027 Policy

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**Responsibility of:** Governing Body

## ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2026 | 2027

As a Foundation School, Rednock's Governing Body is responsible for the school's admissions policy and, as such, is the Admissions Authority.

Under the School Admissions Code 2021, the Local Authority is responsible for allocations of secondary school places. Rednock School therefore operates within the Gloucestershire County Co-ordinated Admissions scheme for Year 7 entry.

In year entrance is also possible (please refer to In Year Admissions within the policy). In the first instance the Clerk to the Governing Body, Mrs N Morrissey, should be contacted via email: [nikkie.morrissey@rednockschool.org.uk](mailto:nikkie.morrissey@rednockschool.org.uk).

### ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

#### Policy and Numbers

The school has an agreed admission number of **240** students for Year 7 entry in September 2026.

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude.

Applications for students to join Rednock School at the beginning of Year 7 in September 2026 should be received by the Local Authority by midnight, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

Places at Rednock School will be offered by the Local Authority on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

#### Sixth Form

The School's Sixth Form has an agreed admission number of **275**; this includes the school's admission number for **external** applicants which will be **50**; this number is however dependent on staffing and other resources required being available.

Applications from students who wish to join the School's Sixth form from other schools are welcome and will be judged against the same criteria concerning the suitability for our courses as are applied to students moving from Year 11 at this school - please refer to the School's Sixth Form Admission Policy (Appendix 1).

#### Admissions Criteria

**Responsibility for deciding admissions criteria rests with the Governors of the School, the Admissions Authority.**

If applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the Governors have agreed the following criteria, in the order set out below, to decide which children should be admitted:

1. A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2), child arrangements order (3) or special guardianship order (4) including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted (5):

- (1) A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school. In Gloucestershire, such children are referred to as Children in Care.
  - (2) This includes children who were adopted under the Adoption Act 1976 (see Section 12 adoption orders) and children who were adopted under the Adoption and Children's Act 2002 (see section 46 adoption orders).
  - (3) Under the provisions of section 12 of the Children and Families Act 2014, which amend section 8 of the Children Act 1989, residence orders have now been replaced by child arrangement orders.
  - (4) See Section 14A of the Children Act 1989 which defines a 'special guardianship order' as an order appointing one or more individuals to be a child's special guardian (or special guardians).
  - (5) A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
2. Children who have a brother or sister currently attending the school, and where that sibling will also continue to be in attendance at Rednock when the applicant enters the school. (Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adopted brother or adopted sister, step brother or step sister or the child of the parent / carer's partner and, in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.)
  3. Children who live in the priority catchment area i.e. the parishes of Dursley, Cam, Coaley, Uley, Stinchcombe, Owlpen, Nympsfield, Slimbridge, Alkington, Ham & Stone, Berkeley, Sharpness, North Nibley and Hinton & Hamfallow. A map of the catchment area is available to be viewed at school.
  4. Children for whom only this particular school is appropriate due to an exceptional medical condition. Applications under this criterion will only be considered if they are supported by a written statement from the child's doctor at the time of submitting the application. This must demonstrate that there is a very specific connection between medical need and the facilities or resources of this school. The final decision to accept a child under this category will be made by the governors' admission sub- committee through consultation with an independent medical practitioner.
  5. In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criterion, places will be allocated to children with the strongest geographical claim, measured in a straight line from the ordnance survey point of the child's home address (including flats) to the ordnance survey point of the school, using the Local Authority's computerised measuring system, with those living closer to the school receiving the higher priority.

In the event of a tie between 2 or more children on application – once criterion 5 has been followed - a process of random allocation will be followed by the School's Governing Body.

### **In-Year Admissions (Secondary Transfer)**

The Local Authority will no longer be responsible for offering places to children on behalf of all schools and academies but the Local Authority will maintain the statutory duty of being responsible and aware of all students and vacancies within schools and academies within Gloucestershire.

Any application for school places made outside the normal primary to secondary year of entry to the school must therefore be made directly to the Governing Body in the first instance. The request will be passed to the Clerk to the Governing Body.

Places will only be offered if the relevant school year group has vacancies.

If there are no places available an Indicated Interest Register will be held (see Waiting List and Indicated Interest Register)

### Fair Access Protocols

The school has signed up to the In-Year Fair Access Protocols held by the Local Authority. Therefore, should a vulnerable child within these Protocols require a place at the school, they will take precedent over any child on the waiting list.

Likewise, students with an Educational Health Care Plans (EHC) naming the school will not form part of the oversubscription criteria and places will be allocated outside the usual arrangements in this policy.

### **Waiting List and Indicated Interest Register**

#### **Primary to Secondary Transfer**

Where the number of applications exceeds the school's capacity, students who are not offered places initially will have the opportunity to place their application on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained for at least two terms in the academic year of admission, i.e. until 31<sup>st</sup> December following an application for admission at the start of September. If a place becomes vacant, students on the waiting list will be offered places in the order defined by the above oversubscription criteria. Priority is not given based on the date that the application for admission is received. Therefore, for example, if a student moves to a location near to the school after the normal admissions process has been completed and they have a higher priority based on the above criteria, they will be ranked above those with lower priority already on the list.

#### **Secondary Transfer**

If there are no places available in the relevant year group, the child will be placed on an Indicated Interest Register. The order of the register will conform to the admissions criteria as listed above.

#### **School Transport**

Home to school transport is provided by the Local Authority in specific circumstances. This includes transport for school students who need to travel 3 miles or more to their nearest school. However, parents are not entitled to free transport if they choose to send their child to a school that is not their nearest one.

Details of bus routes and current fares are available from the School Office.

Further details on transport to secondary school and how to apply for transport assistance can be found on the [Gloucestershire County Council website](#):

### **Admission Appeals**

#### **In-Year Admission Appeals**

Parents whose application for a place for their child / children at Rednock School other than through the normal admission round has been unsuccessful, are entitled to have their case for admission heard by an Independent Appeals Panel.

Parents who wish to appeal for a place for their child at Rednock School can lodge their appeal by contacting the Clerk to the Governing Body. The relevant paperwork will be sent out which should then be returned

preferably within 15 school days of receipt. Appellants will be informed of the time and date of their hearing by Democratic Services, Gloucestershire County Council prior to the Appeal Panel sitting.

### **Year 6 Secondary Transition Appeals**

Parents whose applications for a place at Rednock School through the normal round of admissions have been unsuccessful are also entitled to have their case for admission heard by an Independent Appeals Panel.

Parents who wish to appeal for a place for their child at Rednock School following allocation day can lodge their appeal by contacting the Clerk to the Governing Body. The relevant paperwork will be sent out which should then be returned to the school.

Appeals will be heard in line with the Appeals Timetable below:

#### Appeals Timetable

- Appeals for on-time applications must be heard by 6<sup>th</sup> July or the next working day if the 6<sup>th</sup> July falls on a weekend.
- Appeals for late applications should be included with those being heard for the same admissions round. However, if this is not feasible, appeals for late applications must be heard within thirty school days of the appeal being lodged.
- Appeals for in-year admissions must be heard within thirty school days of the appeal being lodged.

Appeals are conducted in accordance with the DfE Regulations as to the holding of appeals on Admissions.

For full details of admissions procedures and terms, please refer to Gloucestershire County Council booklet "Applying for your child's place at secondary school" – available from the Admissions Team (0-16) on 01452 425407 or from the GCC website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions).

## SIXTH FORM ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2026 | 2027

Rednock School's Sixth Form takes pride in our successful A Level and Level 3 courses across a diverse range of subjects. In considering applications, our goal is to admit students who have demonstrated the ability to be successful in their chosen courses, determined by their prior academic achievements.

### METHOD OF APPLICATION

Applications are made via the online application form, published on the school website, following the Sixth Form Information Evening in November. A personalised link will be sent to Year 11 students at Rednock School.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have at least 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or higher, including English and Maths;
- For A Level courses, a Grade 5 in your chosen subject is required (please note that some subjects may have different requirements therefore please refer to the specific subject information available on the school website);
- For vocational qualifications, a Grade 4 is necessary.

Our staff will guide you in selecting the most suitable courses based on your predicted GCSE grades, with further adjustments made in August, based on your results. Our aim is to help you choose courses that align with your strengths and future goals.

The Sixth Form Team and Senior Leadership Team will use their professional judgement to finalise course pathways and options after results are made available in August. Should there be any challenges regarding entry, these will be addressed by the Senior Leadership Team member overseeing the Sixth Form, the Deputy Head Teacher or the Head Teacher.

### APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF REDNOCK SCHOOL

We warmly welcome applications from students who are not currently attending Rednock School. The academic entry requirements for our courses are the same for both external and internal applicants.

To apply, please complete our online application form, available on the school website. Once your application is received, we will invite you to a meeting. This meeting will give you the opportunity to discuss your application, ask any questions you may have and get acquainted with the environment and ethos of our Sixth Form.

### ADMISSION NUMBERS

The School's Sixth Form has an agreed admission number of 275; this includes the school's admission number for external applicants which will be 50. If external applicants exceed this number the school will give priority to applications as follows:

1. A 'looked after child' (1) or a child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption (2), child arrangements order (3) or special guardianship order (4) including those who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in care as a result of being adopted (5):

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  - (5) A child is regarded as having been in state care outside of England if they were in the care of or were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole or main purpose is to benefit society.
2. Students who have attended this school as Year 11 students.
  3. Siblings of students on roll at the school on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023: (Sibling is defined as a brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adopted brother or adopted sister, step brother or step sister or the child of the parent / carer's partner and, in every case, the child must be living in the same family unit at the same address.)
  4. Students who live in the priority catchment area i.e. the parishes of Dursley, Cam, Coaley, Uley, Stinchcombe, Owlpen, Nympsfield, Slimbridge, Alkington, Ham & Stone, Berkeley, Sharpness, North Nibley and Hinton & Hamfallow.
  5. Applications which do not fall into the above criteria will be selected according to the proximity of the student's home address to the school. Where the number exceeds the school's capacity, students who are not offered places initially will have the opportunity to place their application on a waiting list. The waiting list will be maintained for at least two terms in the academic year of admission, i.e. until the last day of term in December, in Year 12, following an application for admission at the start of September. If a place in the year group becomes vacant, students on the waiting list will be offered places in the order defined by the above oversubscription criteria. Priority is not given based on the date that the application for admission is received. Therefore, for example, if a student moves to a location near to the school after the normal admissions process has been completed and they have a higher priority based on the above criteria, they will be ranked above those with lower priority already on the list.

#### **ADMISSIONS APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Applicants refused admission to our Sixth Form are entitled to appeal to an independent Appeals Committee. Full details of the appeal procedure can be obtained from the Clerk to the Governing Body on request. For admission to Year 12 or 13, a prospective student may make their own appeal in addition to or instead of an appeal by the student's parents.

- Where the offer of a place would have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within thirty (30) school days of confirmation of those results.
- Where the offer of a place would not have been conditional upon exam results, appeals must be heard within forty (40) school days of the deadline for lodging appeals.

Appeals are conducted in accordance with the DfE Regulations as to the holding of appeals on Admissions.